



BESTPITCH
36466-090203

***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***SEPTEMBER 2, 2003
9:00 A.M.***

***EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM***

AGENDA

Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Members Dowe and Wyatt were absent.)

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

File #110-132

Approved (5-0)

A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the City, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

File #2-166-132

Approved (5-0)

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THE MEETING WILL BE DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENED IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 159, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., FOR A JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND THE ROANOKE CITY SCHOOL BOARD, AND BRIEFINGS BY THE CITY MANAGER.



COUNCIL WORK SESSION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

9:00 A.M.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. **Joint meeting of Council and the Roanoke City School Board: (90 minutes)**
 - Coordination of the 2004 Legislative Agenda.
 - Opportunities for joint purchasing.
 - School safety/Update on School Discipline Task Force.
 - Update on Career and Technical Education facilities in the high school upgrade plans.
 - Discussion regarding middle school and high school sports programs.
 - Review of plans for athletic tracks and how exterior grounds will be landscaped and committed to greenways at the two new high schools.
 - Discussion regarding participation in the buddy system and appropriate channels of communication.

2. Items listed on the 2:00 p.m. Council docket requiring discussion/clarification; and additions/deletions to the 2:00 p.m. docket. (25 minutes)
3. Topics for discussion by the Mayor and Members of Council. (15 minutes)
4. Briefings:
 - Employee Survey Update - 30 minutes
 - Update with regard to parking activities - 15 minutes

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ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2003
2:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All Present)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend David A. Fraser, Pastor, Faith Alliance Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTv Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, September 4, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, September 6, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
NONE.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

- C-1 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to a contractual agreement for the operations of the Rocwood Indoor Adventure Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #132-67-373

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider an adjustment to the City of Roanoke Fiscal Year 2003-04 Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #132-60

- C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to conveyance of an easement on City-owned property at Patrick Henry High School, 2102 Grandin Road, S. W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #132-28-467

- C-4 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, September 15, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to conveyance of an easement on City-owned property on Barnes Avenue, N. W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in the request.
File #28-132-166

- C-5 Qualification of the following persons:

Kathleen W. Lunsford as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission, for a term ending June 30, 2006;

Jennifer L. Pfister as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, for a term ending June 30, 2006; and

Kristina W. Hodges as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board, for a term ending May 31, 2006.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.
File #15-110-230-326-304

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of a One-Time Special Request Fund for Local Law Enforcement Agencies grant funds, in the amount of \$4,050.00; and execution of an agreement with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36466-090203 and Resolution No. 36467-090203. (7-0)
File #60-236-5**

2. Transfer and appropriation of funds in connection with renovations to the U. S. Bankruptcy Court; and completion of Phase I of the Roanoke Civic Center Expansion and Renovation Project.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36468-090203 (7-0)
File #60-192-524**

3. Acceptance of the Western Virginia Workforce Development Board Workforce Investment Act grant funds, in the amount of \$748,620.00; and execution of an agreement with the Virginia Employment Commission.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36469-090203 (7-0)
File #60-236-146**

4. Approval of curbage rental fees in connection with the day to day operations of the Farmer's Market for the City of Roanoke.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36470-090203 (7-0)
File #42**

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. A Resolution designating a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual Business Session and meetings of the Urban Section of the Virginia Municipal League and designating a Staff Assistant for any meetings of the Urban Section on Tuesday, October 21, 2003, in Roanoke, Virginia.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36471-090203 (7-0)
File #132-17**

- b. A Resolution designating a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the National League of Cities on Saturday, December 13, 2003, in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36472-090203 (7-0)
File #132-228**

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

**Council Member Bestpitch requested that a July 21, 2003 entry on the Pending Items List with regard to a review of the Architectural Review Board appeals process be removed.
File #132-249**

**Council Member Bestpitch referred to correspondence from a citizen in regard to non-paved running paths that were constructed and maintained in the Denver, Colorado, area by volunteers. He advised that most of the City's greenways and paved surfaces do not provide the best conditions for those persons who run on a regular basis, and asked that the matter be referred to the City Manager to determine if there are projects in the City of Roanoke where volunteers could be involved in development of non-paved running spaces.
File #379**

Council Member Cutler read a communication from Forest Jones, City Manager, City of Salem, expressing appreciation to the City of Roanoke for its assistance in extinguishing a fire on August 20, 2003, at the True Value Hardware store, located on West Main Street in Salem.

File #132-70

Council Member Wyatt requested that the City Attorney prepare a measure memorializing Mrs. John H. Parrott (Brooke), wife of former Council Member John H. Parrott, who served on the Roanoke Public Library Board.

File #132-367

- b. **Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.**

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., presented photographs depicting the deterioration of Mason Mill, and asked that the City Manager address the situation as soon as possible. He referred to unsightly conditions in the vicinity of 13th Street where junk vehicles are parked along the curb.

File #66

Mr. John Kepley, 2009 Morrison Street, S. E., spoke against construction of a stadium/amphitheater on Orange Avenue.

File #122

Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., expressed concern with regard to the direction of the City of Roanoke. She spoke against construction of a stadium/amphitheater on Orange Avenue.

File #122

Mr. Robert Gravely, 3360 Hershberger Road, N. W., expressed concern with regard to the leadership of the City of Roanoke. He called attention to the need for an improved pay scale for City employees and a more educated work force. He spoke against construction of a new stadium/amphitheater on Orange Avenue, and encouraged the City to renovate and market Victory Stadium.

File #18-202-122

12. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City Manager advised that during and immediately following the fire at True Value Hardware in Salem, the City of Roanoke provided water to the City of Salem for several days, in order to ensure an adequate and clean water supply.

File #70-468

In regard to the previous remarks of Mr. Craft concerning the Mason Mill project, the City Manager advised that a mechanical problem was experienced some time ago and City staff is currently assessing costs to repair the damage which will be extensive due to the age of the Mill.

File #66

The City Manager presented an update on the Street Crimes Unit which became operational on August 1, 2003, and as a part of the program, police officers have focused attention on known high crime areas that have been the location of frequent citizen complaints.

File #5

The City Manager advised that a citizen recently appeared before Council questioning whether there is a conflict of interest relative to Council Member Dowe's purchase of property in the City and his subsequent construction of a house through Blue Ridge Housing Development Corp. She noted that several months ago, the City responded to the Regional Office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in regard to a question as to a potential conflict of interest; whereupon, she reported that on August 22, 2003, she received a communication from the Director of the Richmond Office, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, advising that the department found that the documentation provided by the City is sufficient to close the matter with a determination

**that no conflict of interest violating public trust, as codified in HUD's Community Development Block Grant regulations, has occurred.
File #178**

**The City Manager advised that effective September 30, 2003, the City of Roanoke will begin enforcement of the moped ordinance and the community will be advised of the various locations where mopeds may be registered.
File #24**

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (7-0)

Appointments to the following:

**Personnel and Employment
Practices Commission
File #15-202**

**Edward C. Bradley for a term
ending June 30, 2006**

**Roanoke Redevelopment
and Housing Authority
File #15-178**

**Joseph F. Lynn for a term
ending August 31, 2007**

**Virginia Western Community
College Board of Directors
File #15-467**

**Joseph B. Wright for a term
ending June 30, 2007**

**Advisory Board of Human
Services
File #15-318**

Vickie L. Price

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2003, AT 8:30 A.M., FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S PLANNING RETREAT TO BE HELD AT THE DONALDSON BROWN HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, VIRGINIA TECH, BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA.